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## **Foreword**

Hundreds of child custody cases are fought across state and national borders every year. Some involve child abduction. Others are the consequence of parents moving with their children to different states or countries following the breakup of their relationships. Very often courts in different states — or countries — exercise custody jurisdiction and issue conflicting orders, raising questions about which order is enforceable.

Litigating custody and pursuing appeals in two different forums can leave parents emotionally and financially exhausted. Worse, children are subjected to long periods of uncertainty and the emotional trauma of being the objects of these prolonged conflicts.

The administration of justice is greatly enhanced when judges have a clear understanding of the complex state, federal and international laws applicable to litigation pending before them. Despite its obvious importance, ongoing judicial education in every aspect of the court's jurisdiction is often difficult, if not impossible. I am sure that most judges would agree that having all of the necessary information available prior to rendering a decision from the bench would be the ideal. However, when considering whether to exercise jurisdiction in an interstate child custody or abduction case all of the necessary information is rarely presented or even available within the state. During heightened litigation, often involving *pro se* litigants, it is often difficult to frame the right questions in order to obtain the information critical to a proper determination. The availability of a handy reference book, to assist the judge in sorting through applicable statutes and ever-changing case facts is an invaluable aid.

This unique volume is the first comprehensive study of jurisdiction in child custody and abduction cases specifically designed for use by the judiciary from the bench. Comprehensive yet succinct, the bench book is a valuable resource for judges faced with deciphering the requirements of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act (UCCJA), the federal Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act (PKPA), and the Hague Convention of the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction (Convention), amidst burgeoning caseloads, limited resources and parties deep in the emotional throes of custody litigation.

However, in order for a bench book to be helpful it must be useable. A judge should be able to peruse it at his or her leisure for detailed understanding or, be able to flip it open, amidst arguments of counsel if need be, and locate information quickly and easily. This well-crafted bench book is designed to assist judges to do just that.

The UCCJA and the PKPA were enacted to prevent jurisdictional gridlock in child custody and abduction cases, and to facilitate interstate enforcement of custody and visitation decrees. The United States ratified the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction (Convention), which requires the prompt return of children who have been wrongfully taken or kept abroad. Federal legislation, the International Child Abduction Remedies Act (ICARA), provides procedures for implementing the Convention in this country.

Judges have a critical role in making these laws work. Yet research conducted by the American Bar Association found that many judges have not applied these laws correctly or at all. Lack of knowledge was identified as a key

## Chapter 7

### Drafting the Custody Order

#### Summary

This chapter outlines provisions that should be included in custody orders to aid interstate enforcement. When there is risk of child abduction, the court should include preventive measures in the custody order. This chapter also helps judges identify families at risk for child abduction, and suggests appropriate safeguards to put in the order.

#### CHECKLIST

##### 1. What should be included in every custody order?

- Jurisdiction
  - The legal basis for jurisdiction
  - The factual basis for jurisdiction
- Parties
- Notice and opportunity to be heard
- Specific custody and visitation rights, with supporting facts
- Penalties for violating the provisions of the order

What optional provisions should be included in the custody order to prevent abduction?

- Supervised visitation
- Restrictions on removing the child from the state or the country
- Posting of a bond
- Limitations on access to the child's passport
- "Mirror image" order from a foreign court
- Notification of school personnel and other individuals

##### 2. What risk factors for abduction should prompt the court to order preventive measures?

- Prior threat of or actual abduction

- Distrust due to belief abuse has occurred
- Paranoid or sociopathic parent
- End of mixed culture marriage
- Disenfranchised parents with family/social support
- Likely degree of difficulty to secure a child's return.

#### Applicable statutes

##### FEDERAL

PKPA 28 U.S.C. § 1738A

##### STATE

UCCJA § 3  
UCCJA § 10  
UCCJA § 12

##### What should be included in every custody order?

A well drafted custody order should inform the parties of their rights and obligations about custody of the child and contain provisions that will facilitate enforcement and deter violations. The following provisions should be included in every well structured custody order.

##### Statement of jurisdiction

Clearly detail the basis for exercising jurisdiction in every custody order. This simple step will facilitate interstate enforcement and reduce the chances of it being modified improperly by a sister state.

If this is the child's home state, say so and state the facts that support this conclusion. With this information in the order, another court can decide whether or not it must be enforced or

do so at the same time the parents' rights are being determined so these issues can be resolved at one time.<sup>2</sup> This is important because each time custody and visitation issues are relitigated, the child is put through the stress of new proceedings. Therefore, make sure all persons with legitimate custody claims litigate or get the opportunity to litigate them at one time.

When information showing people with custody claims were properly notified and joined is included in the order, the possibility that any of these persons could successfully collaterally attack the decree is reduced.

**Example.** All persons required to be joined as parties and notified under UCCJA § 10 and § 4 and § 28 U.S.C. § 1738A(e) were ordered joined and were duly notified of the proceedings and of being joined as a party.

The following persons were ordered joined as parties and were notified of the joinder. Notification was by registered mail, return receipt requested and returned on the date which follows each name (or otherwise served in accordance with UCCJA § 5).

- Maternal grandparents X/X/XX;
- Paternal grandparents X/X/XX;
- Notice and opportunity to be heard

#### Notice and opportunity to be heard

Both the UCCJA and PKPA require reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard be provided to contestants, parents whose rights have not been terminated and persons with physical custody of the child before making child custody determinations. These basic elements of due process are critical if a resulting order is to be recognized and enforced or given full faith and credit by courts in other jurisdictions.

In addition, UCCJA § 12 notes the *res judicata* effect of orders entered when the parties

have been properly notified and given an opportunity to be heard. For these reasons, the custody order should address these issues. It should state:

- how service of process occurred
- how much notice of the proceedings the party received, and
- what opportunity the party had to be heard.

By including this information in the order, the judge enhances the probability the order will be recognized or given full faith and credit in another jurisdiction. If a party seeks to enforce the order at a later time and in a different state, the order itself demonstrates that the other party was given adequate notice and opportunity to be heard. This makes possible the enforcement court's application of *res judicata* to issues of law and fact decided by the issuing court.

**Example.** The party was accorded full due process in that he was served with process according to the law of this state and the law of the state where he was located (if not within the jurisdiction) and was given ample notice of the proceedings and a full opportunity to be heard.

The party was personally served with the complaint in this action pursuant to (list appropriate statutory citations, which may be § 5 of the UCCJA) with return of service dated \_\_\_\_\_ and filed with the court on \_\_\_\_\_. The party received notice of the custody hearing on \_\_\_\_\_ which was (20) days in advance of the scheduled hearing. The party was present for the hearing at which he was represented by counsel and fully participated in it.

Note, the example states both findings of fact and conclusions of law. The findings of fact support the conclusion that the party's due process rights were protected.

state has enacted criminal custodial interference statutes, and many states have made these laws applicable to interference with visitation as well.<sup>5</sup> The court order should state that violating the custody or visitation provisions of the order could result in the violator being held in contempt. It should also state the violator could face criminal charges under state and federal law.

By including this information, the court puts both parties on notice of the possible consequences of violating the decree.

**Example.** A party who violates the provisions of this order may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

Violation of the provisions of this order could subject the violator to criminal prosecution pursuant to (insert state statute) and penalties of (state the possible penalties) in accordance with (insert state statute).

**What safeguards can the court include in the custody order to reduce the risk of abduction?**

The court should seriously consider a party's concern that the other parent will abduct the child, particularly if threats to abduct have been made. The court should assess the level of abduction risk, the likelihood of the child being returned promptly if the child were abducted, and the harm the child would likely incur if abducted. Six profiles of abduction risk, with specific preventive measures suited to each, follows this general discussion of prevention. See pages 7-10 to 7-16.

In cases in which there is a high risk of abduction and a low likelihood of recovery, combined with a substantial negative impact on the child should an abduction occur, the court should order the most stringent and restrictive preventive measures. In cases in which there is a low risk of abduction with a high likelihood of recovery, less restrictive measures may be warranted.

Measures which can be used in combination to reduce the risk of abduction include:

- supervised visitation
- removal restrictions
- bonds
- passport restrictions
- "mirror image" orders
- notifying schools of custody orders.

### Supervised visitation

Some situations will warrant supervised (or "monitored") visitation orders, such as where an abduction has already occurred,<sup>6</sup> or threats to abduct the child have been made. The court can order that supervised visitation take place at the home of the custodial parent or at another designated location. There may be a supervised visitation center available for this purpose. The person responsible for supervising the visits may be a law enforcement officer, a social worker, a clergyman, relative, or other person designated by the court.

**Example.** The mother shall have supervised visitation with the child on alternating Saturdays from noon to six o'clock. Visits are restricted to father's house. Visits are to be supervised at all times by the deputy sheriff.

### Restrictions on removing the child from the state or the country

When parents reside in different states or different countries or have the intention of doing so, the possibility that one parent will abduct the child to the other state or nation or refuse to return the child after a visit always exists. If the judge concludes the risk of this is more than minimal based on evidence introduced in the custody proceeding, the judge should consider enjoining the parent from removing the child from the state or nation<sup>7</sup> without the written consent of the other party or prior consent of the

passport to the mother prior to visitation with the child. The visitation schedule shall not take effect until after the passport is surrendered. The mother shall provide the father with a written receipt for the passport and is ordered to retain the passport in a secure location. The mother is also required to file an Acknowledgment of Receipt of Passport with the court, with a copy provided to the father. This Acknowledgment shall inform the court of the date the passport was surrendered.

### **"Mirror image" orders**

The court may direct a parent who lives (or is likely to live) abroad to obtain an order from a

court in the foreign country recognizing the jurisdiction of the U.S. court, and agreeing to enforce the order should that be necessary. The state court may require the parent to obtain such a "mirror image" order from a foreign court before the child is permitted to travel abroad to visit.

**Example.** Before the child is permitted to travel overseas to visit the mother, the mother shall obtain an order from a tribunal in [ ] [specify the country]. The order shall recognize the continuing jurisdiction of this court over child custody matters, and shall recognize an obligation to enforce the order of this court in the event the mother refuses to return the child at the end of the lawful visitation period.

### **Notification of school personnel and other individuals**

When custody proceedings are hostile and there are restrictions on access to the child by one party, the court should consider requiring that school personnel and certain individuals be informed of the restrictions. If, for example, a mother is granted visitation only in the presence of the father, the court should consider ordering the father to notify school personnel of the court order and its restrictions. Similarly, grand-

parents and other relatives or child care providers should be informed of the contents of the order. If they know of the restrictions on access to the child by the mother, they are less likely to allow the mother unsupervised contact with the child. Finally, by requiring a parent to notify these people, the court may deter anyone who might assist the mother in abducting the child, because they might be subject to contempt.<sup>10</sup>

**Example.** The custodial parent is ordered to provide a copy of this order to the following individuals:

- The principal of the child's school;
- The child's teacher;
- The driver of the child's bus;
- The child's maternal and paternal grandparents;
- The child's maternal and paternal aunts and uncles;
- The child's after school day care provider.

Alternatively, the court may admonish the custodial parent to provide copies of the custody order to the noted individuals.

### **SAMPLE CUSTODY ORDER<sup>11</sup>**

[Provisions to be included in every custody order]

It is ordered adjudged and decreed that:

#### **Jurisdiction [Home State Jurisdiction]**

This court has home state jurisdiction to determine custody pursuant to the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act (UCCJA) § 3(a)(1) and consistently with the Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act (PKPA) 28 U.S.C. § 1738A(c)(2)(A). The court finds that \_\_\_\_\_ is the child's "home state" within the meaning of UCCJA § 2(5) and PKPA, 28 U.S.C. 1738A(b)(4).

decline jurisdiction.]

**Declining modification jurisdiction.** This court declines to modify a custody decree made by [insert name of State] because petitioner, unilaterally and without consent [improperly removed the child from the physical custody of the person entitled to custody][improperly retained the child after a visit or other temporary relinquishment of physical custody] [violated a provision of the custody decree]. [Court should set forth supporting facts.]

**Attorneys' fees.** The court orders petitioner to pay necessary travel and other expenses, including attorneys' fees, to respondent and [insert names of witnesses], incurred in connection with this proceeding.

### Parties

All persons required to be joined as parties pursuant to UCCJA § 10 were ordered joined and were duly notified of the proceedings and of being joined as a party. The following persons were ordered joined as parties and were notified of the joinder. Notification was by registered mail, return receipt requested, and returned on the date which follows each name (or otherwise served in accordance with UCCJA § 5):

- Maternal grandparents X/X/XX;
- Paternal grandparents X/X/XX.

### Notice and opportunity to be heard

The party was accorded full due process in that he was served with process in accordance with the law of this state (the law of the state where he was residing) and was given ample notice of the proceedings and a full opportunity to be heard.

The party was personally served with the complaint in this action pursuant to (list statutory citation, which may be § 5 of the UCCJA) with return of service dated \_\_\_\_ and filed with the

court on \_\_\_\_\_. The party received notice of the custody hearing on \_\_\_\_\_ which was (20) days in advance of the scheduled hearing. The party was present for the hearing, where he was represented by counsel.

### Custody and visitation

Mother is awarded primary custody of the child and shall provide primary residence for the child. The father shall have visitation with the child at his residence every other weekend beginning (insert date). Visitation with father shall begin at 2:30 p.m. on Friday and shall end at 7:30 p.m. Sunday evening. The father shall have visitation from July 1 at 2:30 p.m. until July 31 at 7:30 p.m. Mother shall have unlimited telephone access with the child in July. The child shall alternate the following holidays with each parent:

1. New Year's Eve and Day
2. [Passover][Easter]
3. Memorial Day Weekend
4. Fourth of July Weekend
5. Labor Day Weekend
6. Thanksgiving
7. [Christmas][Chanukah]

The child shall spend holidays 1, 2, 4, and 6 with the mother in odd-numbered years and with the father in even-numbered years. The child will spend holidays 3, 5, and 7 with the mother in even-numbered years and with the father in odd-numbered years.

Parents may alter this schedule temporarily upon mutual agreement. They shall put each agreement for a temporary change in writing and shall both sign it. Note: Temporary changes are not enforceable; however, compliance with a temporary change that has been put in writing and agreed to by the parties cannot serve as the basis for a finding of contempt.

Grandparent visitation - (1) Maternal grandparents are hereby awarded visitation rights as follows. Visitation shall occur one weekend



significantly increase the risk determined by the profile.

The six profiles of abduction risk, discussed below, are:

- when there has been a prior threat of or actual abduction
- when a parent is suspicious and distrustful due to belief abuse has occurred and has social support for the beliefs
- when a parent is paranoid or sociopathic
- when one or both parents are foreigners ending a mixed-culture marriage
- when the parents are disenfranchised but have family/social support.

#### **Profile 1. When there has been a prior threat of or actual abduction.**

When parents have made credible threats to abduct a child or have a history of hiding the child, withholding visitation, or snatching the child back and forth, there is obviously great distrust and a heightened risk of custody violation. This profile of abduction risk is usually combined with one or more of the other profiles, and in such instances other underlying psychological and social dynamics need to be understood and addressed. General indicators of imminent threat of flight with the child where other risk factors are also present are: (1) when a parent is unemployed, homeless and without emotional or financial ties to the area, and/or (2) when they have divulged plans to abduct and have the resources to survive in hiding or the support of extended kin and underground networks to keep themselves hidden.

There are a number of specific measures that can be taken when there is imminent threat or a history of prior abduction. The safeguards identified earlier in this chapter should be included in the order in these cases.

#### **Profile 2. When a parent is suspicious and distrustful due to belief abuse has occurred and has social support for these beliefs.**

Families that meet this criterion are characterized by one of the parents having a fixed belief that the other parent is dangerous to the child (either abusive, molesting or neglectful) without there being sufficient substantiating evidence for the court to take action on these allegations. Moreover, the parent is supported in these beliefs by an extended family or social network which can collude in a child abduction in order to "protect the child."

First, order that a prompt, careful and thorough investigation of the allegations be undertaken. During this investigative stage, precautions need to be taken to ensure that there is no ongoing abuse, or, alternatively, to protect an innocent parent from further allegations. Such precautions may include supervised visitation, especially if the child is very young, clearly frightened, or distressed and symptomatic in response to visits.

Along with the investigation, the alleging parent should be shown how to respond to the child and how to make accurate observations without confounding the evaluation process. Whenever possible, the concerned extended kin and other social support persons are also involved in this intervention. All relevant professionals involved with the family should be authorized by the parents to talk with one another so that they can support the family cohesively during the evaluation process and not incite anxiety with discrepant, premature conclusions.

As the data about the allegations and the child's symptomatic behavior are assembled by the investigating professionals (preferably with expertise in both child abuse and the dynamics of highly conflictual divorcing families), there should be a careful sifting through of the

therapy or mediation is an inappropriate and possibly dangerous intervention. The family court needs to have mechanisms and procedures to protect the child in cases where there is serious delusional thinking or dangerous sociopathy in one of the parents. If the disturbed person is the noncustodial parent, visitation should be supervised in a facility with high security, and the other parent should be counseled about how to devise a safety plan for themselves and the child for all other times.

Visitation with the child may need to be suspended if there are repeated violations of the visitation order; if the child is highly distressed by the contact; or if the parent uses his or her time with the child to denigrate the other parent, obtain information about the other parent's whereabouts, or transmit messages of physical harm, death threats or child abduction.

Reinstatement of access to the child may be permitted after clear conditions are met by the offending parent, and upon careful evaluation and recommendation by a designated agency (child protective or family court services). If the evaluation determines that reinstatement of parent-child contact is appropriate, any "in person" contact should typically begin with supervised visitation, preferably in the presence of a mental health professional.

If the disturbed person is the custodial or primary care person for the child, extreme care needs to be taken in order that the litigation and evaluation process does not precipitate abduction or violence. The family court may need to obtain an emergency psychiatric screening, and use emergency *ex parte* hearings that might result in the temporary removal of the child to the other parent, or to a third party, while a more comprehensive psychiatric and custody evaluation is being undertaken. In these emergency situations there needs to be some waiver of confidentiality permissible that will allow all relevant professionals to share information about the case with one another. The

psychotic parent may need legal representation and an attorney for the child may also need to be appointed in any subsequent litigation.

Where there is blatant disregard of custody orders and violations of restraining orders by a sociopathic parent, the court should prosecute, fine or impose jail time to send a clear message that it will not tolerate contempt of its authority. A coparenting coordinator with arbitration powers (as stipulated by parents and ordered by the court), who is prepared to testify in court, may be needed over the longer term to monitor the family situation for any further threat of abuse or abduction. Only when these control mechanisms are in place can it be expected that counseling and therapy for the child will be beneficial.

#### **Profile 5: When one or both parents are foreigners ending a mixed-culture marriage.**

Parents who are citizens of another country (or who have dual citizenship with the U.S.) and also have strong ties to their extended family in their country of origin have long been recognized as abduction risks. The risk is especially acute at the time of parental separation and divorce, when they feel cast adrift from a mixed-culture marriage and need to return to their ethnic or religious roots for emotional support and to reconstitute a shaken self-identity. Often in reaction to being rendered helpless, or to the insult of feeling rejected and discarded by the ex-spouse, a parent may try to take unilateral action by returning with the child to their family of origin. This is a way of insisting that their cultural identity be given preeminent status in the child's upbringing.

Culturally sensitive counseling that will discern and address these underlying psychological dynamics is needed to help these parents settle their internal conflicts. They also have to be reminded of the child's need for both

services, substance abuse monitoring and counseling, training and employment opportunities, and mental health services. Finally, important members of their informal extended social networks may need to be included in any brief intervention in order to guide their efforts to support and protect the disenfranchised family, fractured by separation and divorce, over the long-term process of abduction prevention and family restructuring.

### Likelihood of return

If a child is abducted, how likely is it that the child will be promptly recovered and returned and that the court order will be promptly enforced? By considering the obstacles to the location, recovery and return of the child,<sup>15</sup> the court can assess the likelihood of the child being returned promptly, if abducted. Preventive measures are especially needed when, in the event of an abduction, numerous difficult obstacles exist to the prompt location, recovery, and return of the child.

Obstacles are greater when the abduction is to or from a state or country not covered by laws which would facilitate the apprehension of the abductor and the recovery of the child. If the state's criminal custodial interference statute would not apply to the case in the event of an abduction, it presents a major obstacle.

**Examples:** Soon after the court awards the parents joint custody, the father disappears with the child. An abduction by a joint custodial parent is not a criminal violation under the state's law. An unwed father, with no custody order, tries to locate his child. Precustodial abductions are not a criminal violation under the state's law. Because criminal custodial interference is a misdemeanor offense in this state, law enforcement makes no effort to locate the child. The courts in the state in which the child resides claims not to have jurisdiction in the criminal custodial interference case because the retention

of the child after a visitation took place in another state.

If the state does not have flagging statutes<sup>16</sup> that mandate that birth and school records of missing children be flagged and that law enforcement be notified if an abductor requests the records, it can present an obstacle to locating the child.

If an international abduction is suspected, chances for return of the child are better if the country is a party to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. However, if the application of the Hague Convention has not led to prompt returns in other cases, the seeming advantage of the Convention may be lost, presenting an additional obstacle.

If the country is not a party to the Hague Convention, the child may never be returned, although this varies somewhat depending on the country. Countries with family laws that have a strong religious base and give preferential rights to one gender over another, such as Islamic countries, are the most problematic. No abducted children have been returned from some of these countries. In other cases, for instance Jordan, returns to the U.S. have only been possible with the highest level of diplomacy and particularly heinous circumstances surrounding the abduction, such as the case in which the father murdered the mother and abducted the two children from New Jersey. He was tried in Jordan for the murder charge, and the children were returned to the U.S.

If there is no extradition treaty covering criminal custodial interference cases with a particular country or the state is unwilling to pay for extradition, the obstacles to recovering the child are great. It is also an obstacle when there is an extradition treaty, but the actual practice is not to extradite.

If the courts in the country to which the child

## Endnotes

1. The court should insert appropriate UCCJA state law citation here, and in all other places where reference is made to the Uniform Act.
2. Some states, by statute, permit grandparents to seek visitation, either in divorce or custody proceedings between parents or through independent actions. See Patricia Hoff et al, NATIONAL CENTER ON WOMEN AND FAMILY LAW, INTERSTATE CHILD CUSTODY DISPUTES AND PARENTAL KIDNAPPING: POLICY, PRACTICE AND LAW S2-3 to S2-4 (Supp. 1990).
3. See the Model Joint Custody Statute adopted by the American Bar Association in 1989, which states "[j]oint custody is inappropriate in cases in which spouse abuse, child abuse, or parental kidnapping is likely to occur."
4. *Id.* § 3(c).
5. See Patricia Hoff et al, NATIONAL CENTER ON WOMEN AND FAMILY LAW, INTERSTATE CHILD CUSTODY DISPUTES AND PARENTAL KIDNAPPING: POLICY, PRACTICE AND LAW S8-14 - S8-16 (Supp. 1990).
6. See, e.g., Brewington v. Serrato, 336 S.E.2d 444 (N.C. Ct. App. 1985) (court upheld severe restrictions on visitation - in custodial parent's home - based on trial court's specific findings of fact that the non-custodial parent had previously taken the child to Texas under false pretenses and refused to return the child to North Carolina.); Frenke v. Frenke, 496 N.Y.S. 2d 521 (A.D.2 Dept. 1985) (Father's visitation to be supervised pending hearing on the issue of whether supervised or unsupervised visitation is in child's best interest in light of prior abduction and child's unwillingness to attend unsupervised visits).
7. See, e.g., People v. Beach, 194 Cal. App. 3d 955, 240 Cal. Rptr. 50 (Ct. App. 1987) (threatened abduction from state sufficient for exercise of emergency jurisdiction and 'no removal from state' order); Mitchell v. Mitchell, 311 S.E.2d 456 (Ga. 1984) (restrictions on removal of children from country upheld based on findings that father would have no means of enforcing Georgia order if mother took children to United Arab Emirates, but restrictions on removal from state violated state case law); Soltanich v. King, 826 P.2d 1076 (Utah Ct. App. 1992) (risk of flight to Iran warrants order restricting father from removing child from the country.).
8. See, e.g., Rayford v. Rayford, 456 So. 2d 833 (Ala. Civ. App. 1984) (trial court required noncustodial father to post \$5000 bond to insure his compliance with visitation orders where the father had violated a visitation order and concealed the children for three years); Bullard v. Bullard, 647 P.2d 294 (Haw. Ct. App. 1982) (court upheld order requiring father to execute \$2500 bond conditioned on the return of the child to Hawaii after visitation, while noting that bond requirements are viewed with disfavor and should only be imposed if there is substantial likelihood that the order will be violated.); Caldwell v. Fisk, 523 So. 2d 464 (Ala. Civ. App. 1988) (Trial court was justified in forfeiting father's bond due to his failure to comply with prior court orders and requiring him to post a new bond to guarantee compliance with the present orders).
9. See, e.g., Mitchell v. Mitchell, 311 S.E.2d 456 (Ga. 1984) (The court enjoined both parents from procuring or applying for passports for the children without the written agreement of the other parent.); Al-Zouhayli v. Al-Zouhayli, 486 N.W.2d 10 (Minn. Ct. App. 1992) (mother directed to retain child's passport and father prohibited from applying for a replacement passport without mother's written consent. The father was a national of the U.S. and Syria and had family ties in Saudi Arabia.). Requests to prevent issuance of a passport, accompanied by a copy of the court order, should be sent to the U.S. Department of State, Office of Passport Services, 1111 19th Street, N.W., Suite 260, Washington, D.C. 20522-6705; Telephone-(202)955-0377; Fax-(202)955-0230.
10. See, e.g., Commonwealth ex rel. Zaubi v. Zaubi, 423 A.2d 333 (Pa. 1981) (Grandparents cited for contempt for assisting their son in thwarting a court order); Hendershot v. Hadlan, 248 S.E.2d 273 (W. Va. 1978) (paternal grandparents held in contempt for aiding their son in violating a court order).
11. This sample order is not intended to be comprehensive. It does, however, contain examples of the types of provisions discussed above.